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Lucy and Megan just love to dance  
They skip and run and curtsy and prance,  
Off on the way to their first ballet class,  
Pirouetting and twirling among flowers and grass.

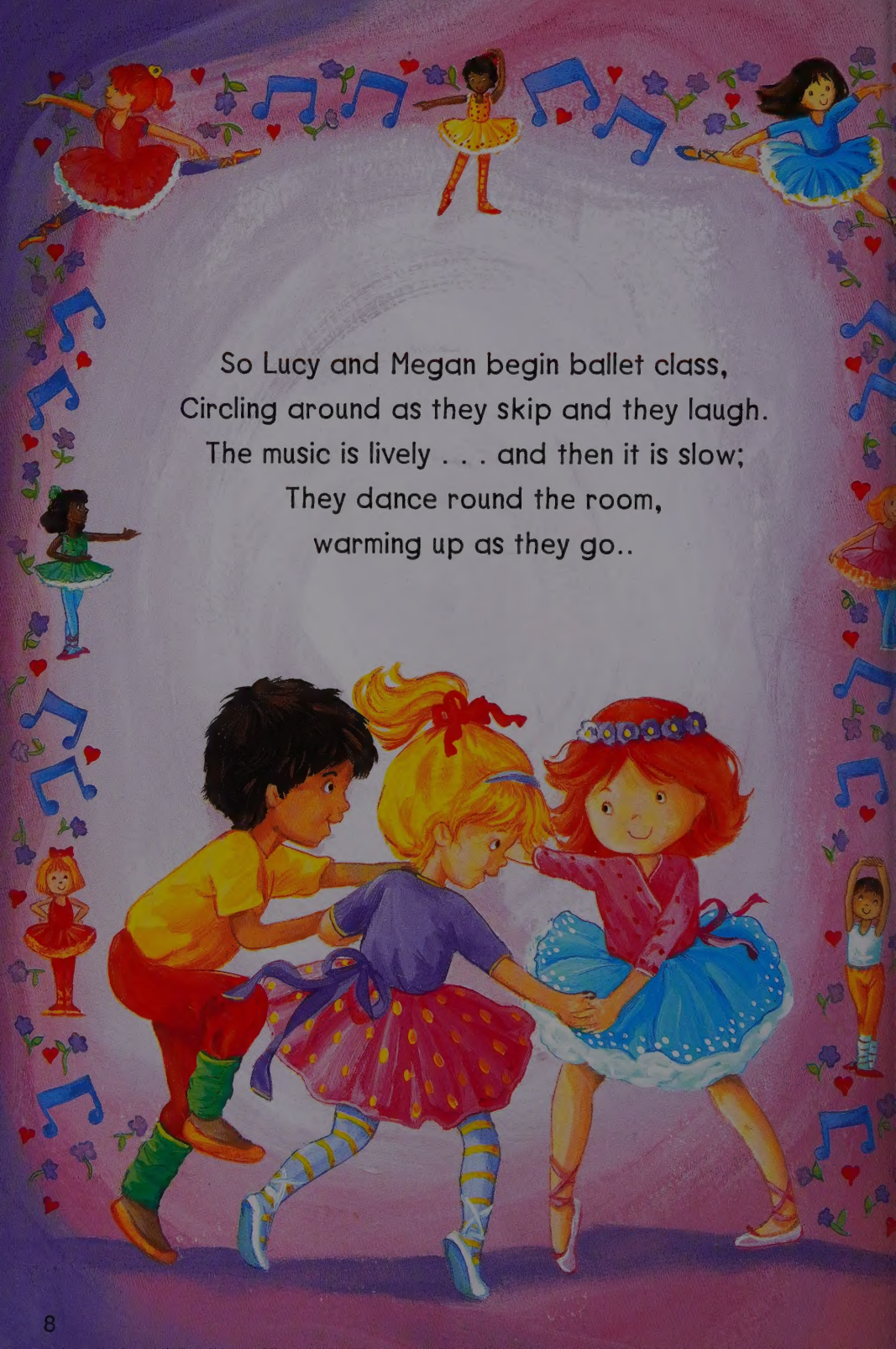




All the squirrels and rabbits laugh as they say,  
"The two little dancers are off on their way!  
Shall we skip and hop, and dance along too?"  
Birds whistle sweet music; the sky is bright blue.





A decorative border surrounds the text and illustration. It features blue musical notes, red hearts, and small ballerinas in various colored tutus (red, yellow, blue, green, pink, orange) performing ballet moves. The background is a soft purple gradient.

So Lucy and Megan begin ballet class,  
Circling around as they skip and they laugh.  
The music is lively . . . and then it is slow;  
They dance round the room,  
warming up as they go..





Next, they all practise their steps at the barre,  
Bending their knees, like curtseying stars;  
Then pointing their toes, just as they should . . .  
Mrs Green says, "Hey! That's really quite good!"





Then they dance to the music the CD is playing  
Lucy is skipping; Megan is swaying,  
Milo is giggling, "Hey, ballet is fun  
And I can jump higher than everyone!"





Then Mrs Green tells them, "I've news for you.

We are doing a concert and you're in it too.

Little dancers like you have a magical glow

And you're the best pupils to put in the show."





Lucy and Megan are pleased as can be  
Milo and John jump up, "Yippee!"  
"I want to be in it," each of them shouts,  
Dancing and leaping and skipping about.





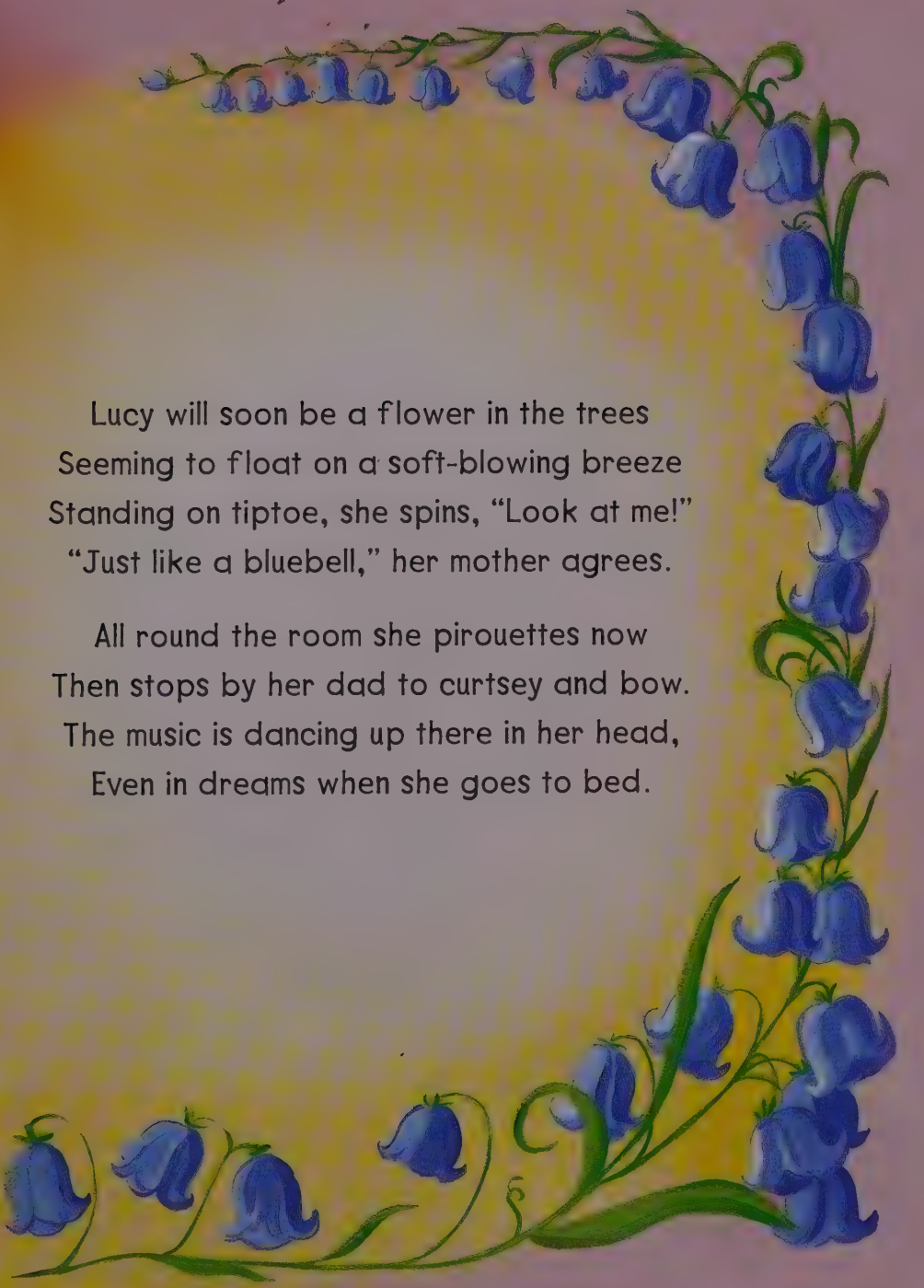
They all practise hard and are so pleased to find  
That all have been chosen with none left behind.  
There is much to remember and lots to rehearse.  
There are other distractions, but ballet comes first.











Lucy will soon be a flower in the trees  
Seeming to float on a soft-blowing breeze  
Standing on tiptoe, she spins, "Look at me!"  
"Just like a bluebell," her mother agrees.

All round the room she pirouettes now  
Then stops by her dad to curtsy and bow.  
The music is dancing up there in her head,  
Even in dreams when she goes to bed.



The children work hard  
Until the day of the show  
So they know what to do when  
And just where to go.  
They learn how to listen  
To the music and beat  
And just what to do  
With their arms and  
their feet.

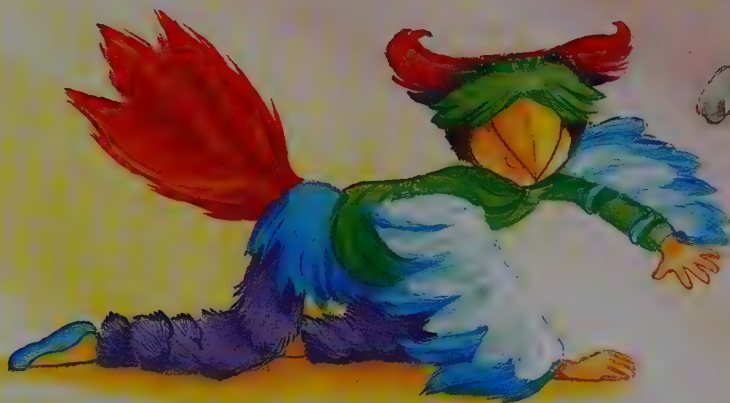





Now they can feel  
the music inside them  
As Mrs Green shows  
how the rhythm will  
guide them.



At last it's the day of the concert and so  
They put on their costumes, ready to go.  
Milo's an owl who flies out from a tower  
Lucy, of course, is a sweet bluebell flower.



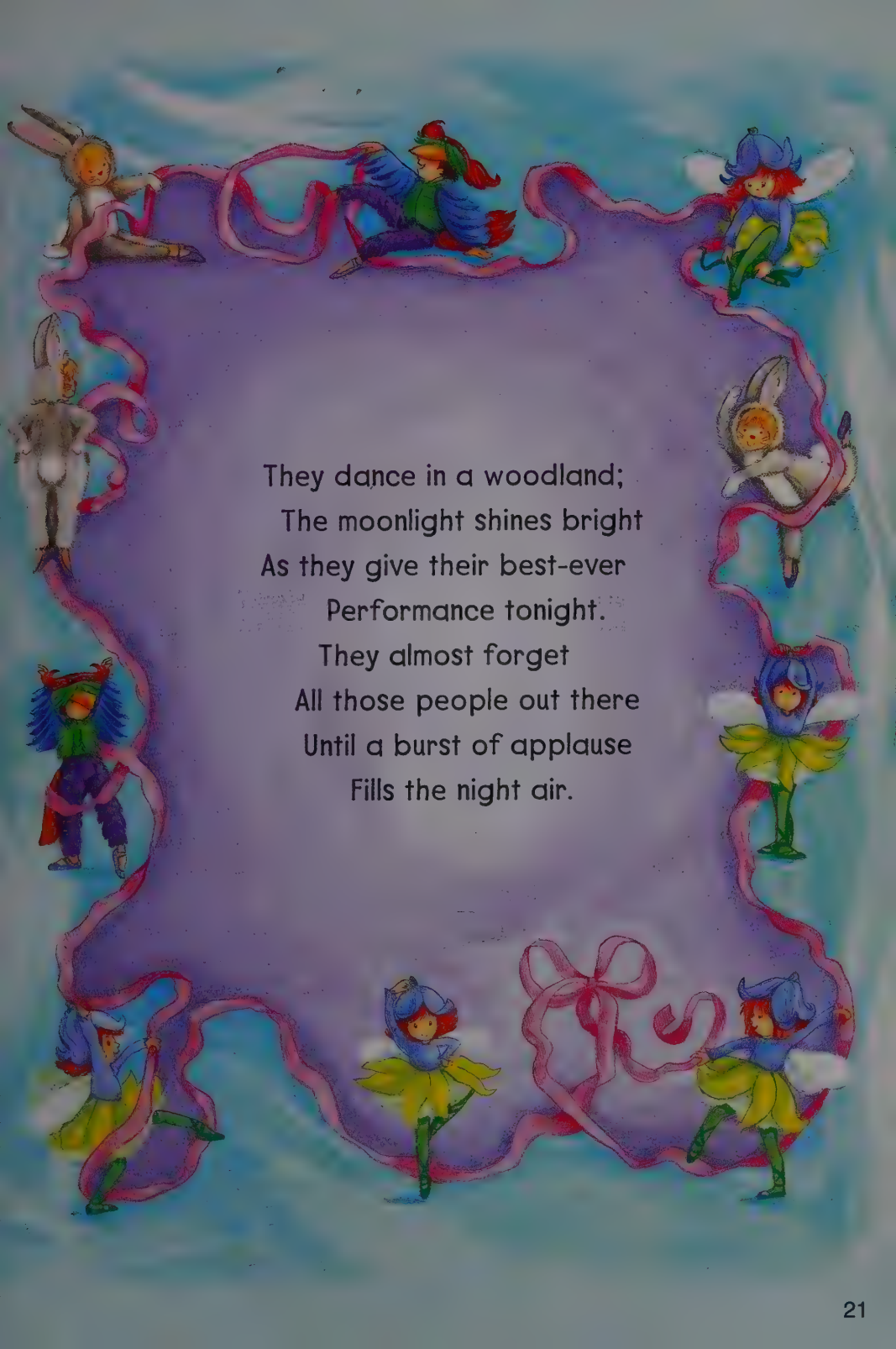


Megan's a rabbit who  
jumps everywhere;  
All of them have stunning  
outfits to wear . . .  
"Sshhhh!" Mrs Green says.  
"The show's underway.  
I know you'll be fine;  
you've practised each day.



Come along, Megan, Milo and Lucy too,  
Now it's your turn so good luck to you!"  
They step onto the stage and into the lights.  
When the music starts flowing they grin with delight.

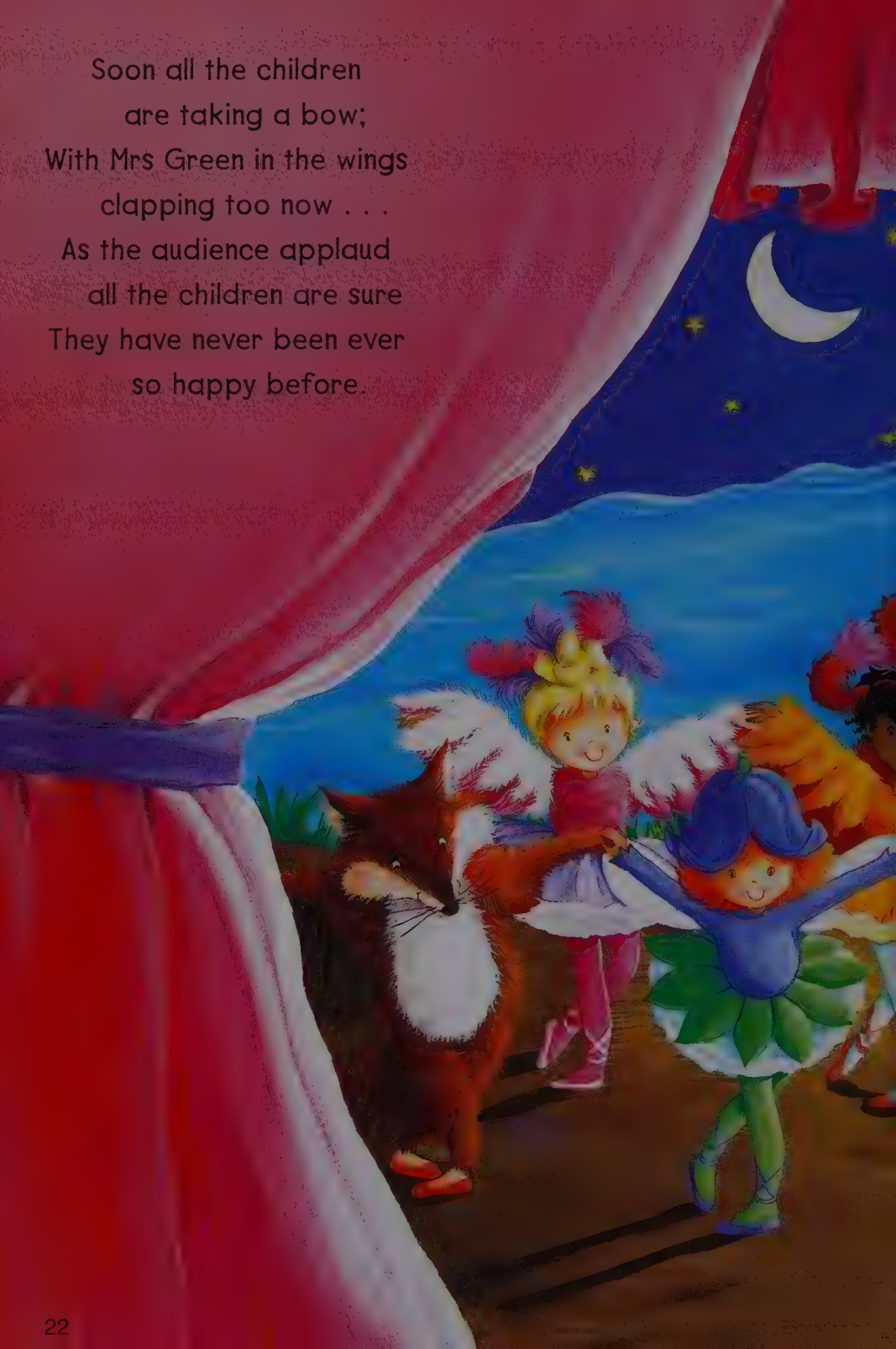




They dance in a woodland;  
The moonlight shines bright  
As they give their best-ever  
Performance tonight.  
They almost forget  
All those people out there  
Until a burst of applause  
Fills the night air.



Soon all the children  
are taking a bow;  
With Mrs Green in the wings  
clapping too now . . .  
As the audience applaud  
all the children are sure  
They have never been ever  
so happy before.



Their parents are cheering;

"Hip Hip Hooray!"

What a wonderful end  
to a wonderful day.

Then Mrs Green says,

"What a fabulous show

You're the best little dancers  
any teacher could know!"





The children all laugh, jumping around,  
Excited they haven't let Mrs Green down.  
Backstage again, they are grinning with glee  
And asking their parents, "Did you watch me?"

Then Megan and Lucy twirl on their toes  
And say, "We just LOVE dancing in shows!"



Soon all the children  
will skip home to bed  
With the magic of ballet  
filling their heads.

But first there's a party as they all celebrate  
Saying, "Wasn't it BRILL! Wasn't it GREAT!"  
They spin and they dance all round the room,  
Each dreaming of how they'll be ballet stars soon.



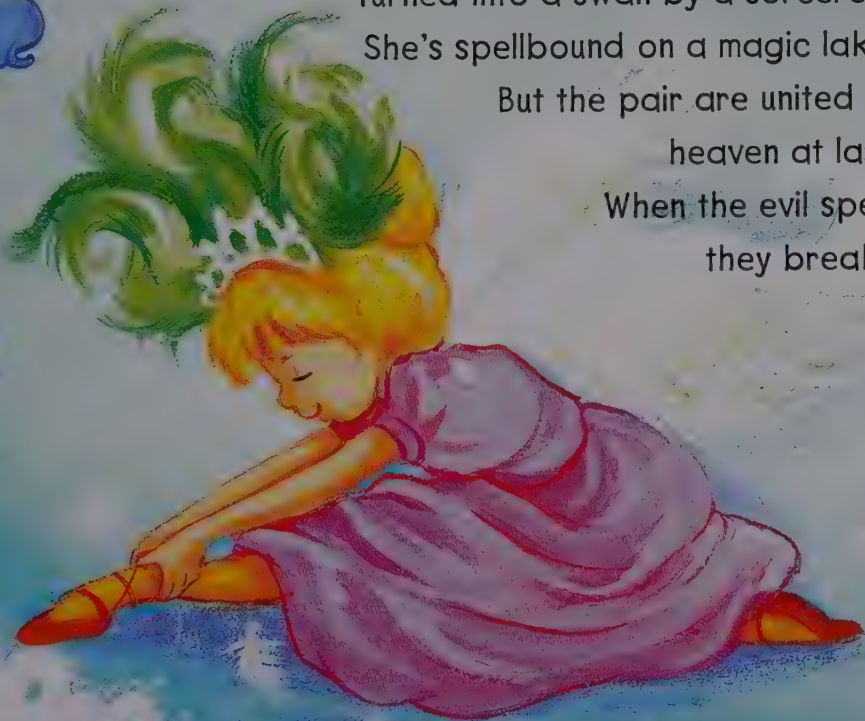




# A Few Famous Ballets

## Swan Lake

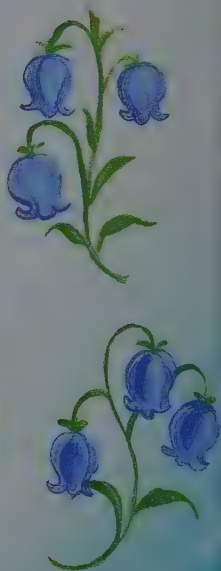
Prince Siegfried falls in love  
With a Swan Queen called Odette;  
She is the most beautiful creature  
The prince has ever met.  
Turned into a swan by a sorcerer,  
She's spellbound on a magic lake  
But the pair are united in  
heaven at last  
When the evil spell  
they break.





## The Nutcracker

Little Clara is so excited  
When the magic Christmas  
Tree grows:  
She visits the Land of Sweets  
And a wonderful world of snow.  
The handsome Nutcracker Prince  
And the Sugar Plum Fairy dance  
The evil Mouse King is vanquished  
As Clara watches it  
All, entranced.





### **Coppélia**

Coppélia the doll  
Comes to life upon the stage,  
Enchanting all except Swanhilda  
Who is in a jealous rage.

### **The Firebird**

Based on a Russian folk tale  
From many years ago,  
The brilliant firebird dances  
In a magic burning glow.















Follow Lucy and Megan's  
exciting journey as they  
discover the magical world of ballet and  
perform with their friends in their  
very first ballet show!

With a wonderful story and beautiful  
illustrations, this book is sure  
to enchant children everywhere.



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